

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00413-CJN**

CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
VETERANS AFFAIRS

Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/19/2019

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/19/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5952910) filed by CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 5, # <u>6</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>7</u> Summons Dep't of Veterans Affairs, # <u>8</u> Summons U.S. Att'y Gen., # <u>9</u> Summons Civil Process Clerk)(Mulvey, Ryan) (Entered: 02/19/2019)
02/19/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE (Mulvey, Ryan) (Entered: 02/19/2019)
02/19/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Christopher R. Cooper. (zef, ) (Entered: 02/19/2019)
02/19/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 02/19/2019)

03/04/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 2/25/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 3/27/2019. (Mulvey, Ryan) (Entered: 03/04/2019)
03/04/2019	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 03/04/2019. (Mulvey, Ryan) (Entered: 03/04/2019)
03/04/2019	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS served on 3/4/2019 (Mulvey, Ryan) (Entered: 03/04/2019)
03/27/2019	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.(Clark, Denise) (Entered: 03/27/2019)
03/27/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties promptly confer and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure on or before April 10, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 03/27/2019. (lccrc3) (Entered: 03/27/2019)
03/27/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 4/10/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 03/27/2019)
04/10/2019	<u>8</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Clark, Denise) (Entered: 04/10/2019)
04/10/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties file a further status report on or before May 10, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 04/10/2019. (lccrc3) (Entered: 04/10/2019)
04/11/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 5/10/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 04/11/2019)
05/10/2019	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Clark, Denise) (Entered: 05/10/2019)
05/10/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further status report on or before June 19, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 05/10/2019. (lccrc3) (Entered: 05/10/2019)
05/13/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/19/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 05/13/2019)
06/19/2019	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Clark, Denise) (Entered: 06/19/2019)
06/20/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further status report on or before August 2, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 06/20/2019. (lccrc3) (Entered: 06/20/2019)
06/21/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 8/2/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 06/21/2019)
06/24/2019	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Lee A. Steven on behalf of CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE (Steven, Lee) (Entered: 06/24/2019)
06/24/2019		Case directly reassigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. Judge Christopher R. Cooper is no longer assigned to the case. (ztnr) (Entered: 06/24/2019)
08/02/2019	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE. (Mulvey, Ryan) (Entered: 08/02/2019)
08/14/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the Parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall submit an additional Joint Status Report by September 6, 2019. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 14, 2019. (lccjn1) (Entered: 08/14/2019)